

**OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S
TYNEMOUTH
&
ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS**

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5th Sunday of Lent Year C – 13th March 2016

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	13 th	5 th Sun of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Is 43: 16-21, Phil 3: 8-14 John 8: 1-11</i>
			St M	11.00am	Celebrant's Intention	
Mon	14 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	9.30am	Special Intention (SJ)	<i>Dan 13: 1-62, John 8:12-20</i>
Tue	15 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Num 21: 4-9, John 8: 21-30</i>
Wed	16 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention	<i>Dan 3: 14-28, John 8: 31-42</i>
Thu	17 th	St Patrick	St M	9.30am	Fr John Campbell	<i>Jer 1:4-9, Acts 13:46-49,Lk10:1-20</i>
Fri	18 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention	<i>Jer 20: 10-13, John 10: 31-42</i>
Sat	19 th	St Joseph	St O	9.30am	Ada De Bartolomeis	<i>Sam7:4-16,Rom4:13-22,Mat1:16-24</i>
Sun	20 th	Palm Sunday	St O	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention	<i>Is 50: 4-7, Phil 2: 6-11 Luke 22:14; 23: 56</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	

SACRAMENT OF GOD'S MERCY: Saturdays 10.00-10.15am at St Oswin's - *and available on request*
(Rosary at St Oswin (St O) – Fri after Mass: St Mary's (St M) Exposition Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm)

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in March: Mary Wrightson, Jim McAllister, June Barnsley, Adam Dixon (10yrs old), Lynn Johnson, Brenda Miller, Nuala Byron, Norman Edge, Drina Treacy, Helen Brunton, Wyn Gallon, Sylvia Wall.

Anniversaries: Terence Cunningham, Annie McClurg, Owen Nugent, John Kelly, Miranda Moore, Joan Atkinson.

Today we welcome Bishop Seamus who is celebrating the Sunday masses with us as part of his Parish Visitation.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at **6.30pm on Friday evenings during Lent.**

Holy Week Choir Practice this Tues at 7.30pm at St Mary's. Do join us – enthusiasm is all that is necessary!

Holy Week Liturgies – there will be a meeting for all those involved in the Holy Week/Easter Liturgies **TODAY Sun 13th March 6pm** in the Presbytery.

Gift Aid/Planned Giving – envelopes will be available for collection **TODAY** at St Mary's and at St Oswin's. Please remember to collect your box.

Lenten Alms – St Cuthbert's Care Envelopes are available at the back of church. There will be a **Retiring Collection NEXT** Sunday (Palm Sunday) for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places).

APF Mill Hill-Red Boxes – promoters will be collecting for the March quarter.

DBS Checks – all parishioners whose DBS certificate is over 3 years old are required to submit a new application. This process will begin **this weekend 12/13 Mar**. DBS representatives will distribute the appropriate forms in both churches to those concerned.

Deanery Lenten Penitential Services will be held at **St Edward's** church, Whitley Bay on **Sat 19 Mar at 10.30am** and at **Our Lady & St Aidan's** church, Wallsend, on **Tues 22 March at 7pm** and at. *Please try to make the most of these opportunities to help prepare for Easter.*

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for the cluster parishes this year on **12 May** for those in school Year 9 or above. The introductory meeting will be held at **St Thomas More Academy** on **16 March, 7-8.30pm**. Application forms are available from Fr Martin.

Times of Holy Week Services:

Mass of the Lord's Supper: Holy Thursday St O 7.30pm
The Passion: Good Friday St M 3.00pm
The Easter Vigil: Holy Saturday St M 8.00pm

'Memories of a Teenage Refugee': Talk by **Gay Keenaghan** in St Mary's Hall on **Tues 12 April at 7pm**. **All welcome** to what should be a very interesting evening.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day - Our parish raised **£571-79**. With U.K. Aid Match Funding this means we ensured **£1,143.58** can be used for water related projects. Thank you.

Walking with Asylum Seekers: Thanks to the Parish for their generous donation from the Christmas Fund - it came just at the right time when funds were low.

Thank You to all the parishioners who kindly collected the Wish tokens in the recent Evening Chronicle Wish Campaign. We have been awarded a wonderful **£137.13** towards our resources which will benefit all members of Girlguiding North Tyneside.

Lost Property - two pairs of child's dancing shoes were left in St Mary's church 2 weeks ago. If they are yours, please speak to someone at the back of church to collect.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet assures the Jews exiled in Babylon that there will be a new Exodus. This message of hope should inspire us also.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125

Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

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| 1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. | 2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. |
| 3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. | 4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. |

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Paul has willingly sacrificed everything for the privilege of knowing Christ. He hasn't yet arrived but is still running the race of salvation.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live,
and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel Reading

John 8:1-11

Jesus refused to condemn a woman caught in adultery.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin anymore.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

Have you ever been too willing to "cast the first stone" when you disapproved of someone's behaviour? How can you resist these feelings?